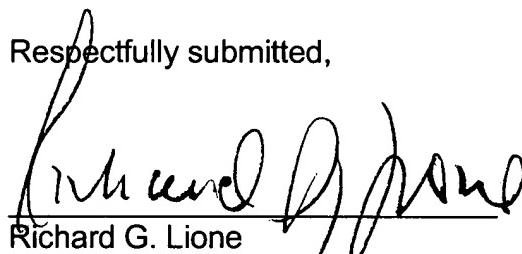


REMARKS

The official action of March 24, 2004, including the Examiner's helpful suggestions, has been carefully considered. Claim 14, 72-81, 84, 89 and 96-98 have been amended to respond to the objection and 35 U.S.C. § 112 rejections articulated by the Examiner. A separate letter to the Official Draftsperson submits corrected drawings.

It is respectfully suggested that Claims 14 and 70-98 should now be in allowable form and the application in condition for allowance. Passage to issue is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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